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CYTOLOGY SPECIALIST COURSE PREREQUISITES CRS 311-M2

EFFECTIVE: 01 MAY 00

LAST UPDATED: 11 FEB 02

Open to Active Army (AA) SGT and below, and DOD Civilians. AA soldiers must currently hold PMOS 91K with at least one year of experience. **Minimum time in service (TIS) remaining requirement upon completion of this course is 36 months** for AA. All soldiers must meet the height and weight standards IAW AR 600-9. The minimum physical profile (PULHES) requirements are 323222 with normal color vision. Soldiers must possess an Associates Degree or must have completed 60 semester hours (SH) from an accredited college, university, or equivalent training. Preparatory work must include a minimum of 20 SH in biological sciences, 3 SH in mathematics, and 8 SH in chemistry. An American Council on Education (ACE) recommendation/transcript and Academy of Health Science transcript DO NOT meet the college work requirement. Enlisted women who are pregnant will be processed IAW AR 635-200. **Effective 1 October 2002 the following changes will take effect: AA applicants must hold PMOS 91K with at least two years of experience. Preparatory work must include a minimum of 6 SH in Humanities, 12 SH of Social Science, and 3 SH of English with Composition.**

Prior to the departure from home station, soldiers are required to reenlist or extend their term of enlistment in order to fulfill the TIS remaining requirement upon completion of the course. When reporting to the AMEDDC&S for training, and it is determined that soldiers do not meet the TIS remaining requirement, they will NOT be accepted into the course unless the TIS requirements are fulfilled.

SPECIAL INFORMATION: AA soldiers must submit DA Form 4187, ERB, DA Form 2-1, transcripts (copy) and letters of recommendation evaluating the soldier's potential and ability to complete this course. Course curriculum complies with requirements and recommendations of the American Society of Cytopathology, and the Commission on the Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). The course follows the general course of study approved by the Inter-service Training of Cytotechnologists. Training is available to Air Force personnel who meet the service-specific requirements addressed in AF Catalog 36-2223 and course prerequisites.

DOD civilians must be assigned to an Army MEDCEN or MEDDAC, and that unit will incur all costs associated with this course. The applicant's parent unit will incur all training costs. Course graduates with baccalaureate degrees from regionally accredited colleges and universities are eligible to take the American Society of Clinical Pathologists Registry Examination in Cytotechnology. **SUBMIT ALL REQUEST FOR WAIVERS TO: CDR, AMEDD Center & School, AMEDD Personnel Proponent Directorate, ATTN: MCCS-DE, 1400 E. Grayson Street, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-5052.**

COURSE SCOPE

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The course provides ongoing opportunities for the evaluation of cellular elements. Cells are derived from a variety of sources to include the female genital tract, the respiratory system, breast secretions, and body cavity effusions. Students learn to recognize normal, inflammatory, benign, and malignant conditions by analyzing cellular changes and to make initial judgments regarding etiology and severity of change. The course consists of a combination of didactic and clinical training. Progress during the course depends upon the understanding of concepts developed through the use of conferences, visual examples, and microscopic review. Course graduates are awarded ASI M2.

COURSE IS 50 WEEKS.